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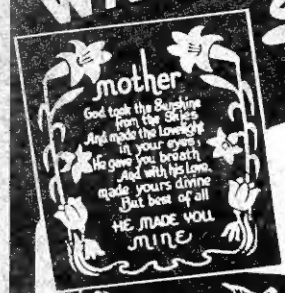

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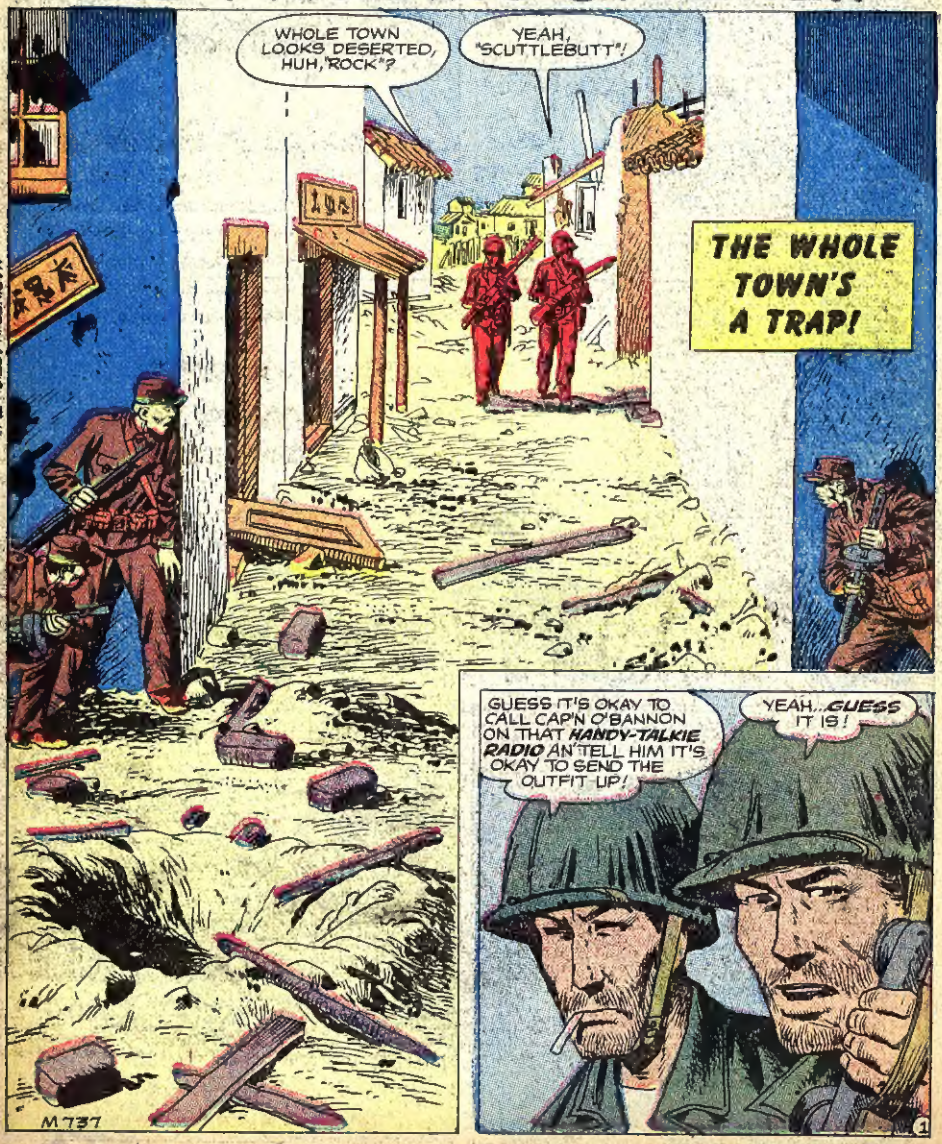
MARINES IN ACTION ON KOREAN BATTLEFIELDS WITH

"ROCK" MURDOCK

THE FIGHTING GYRENE!!


WHOLE TOWN LOOKS DESERTED, HUH, "ROCK"?
YEAH, "SCUTTLEBUTT"!
THE WHOLE TOWN'S A TRAP!
GUESS IT'S OKAY TO CALL CAP'N O'BANNON ON THAT HANDY-TALKIE RADIO AN' TELL HIM IT'S OKAY TO SEND THE OUTFIT UP!
YEAH...GUESS IT IS!
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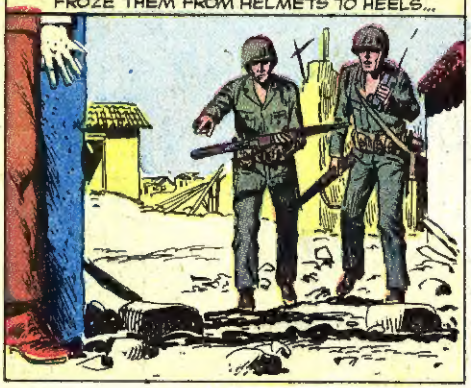
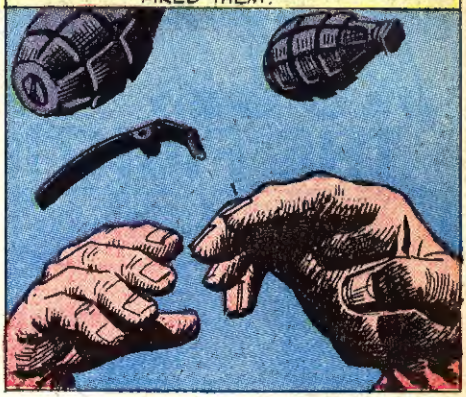
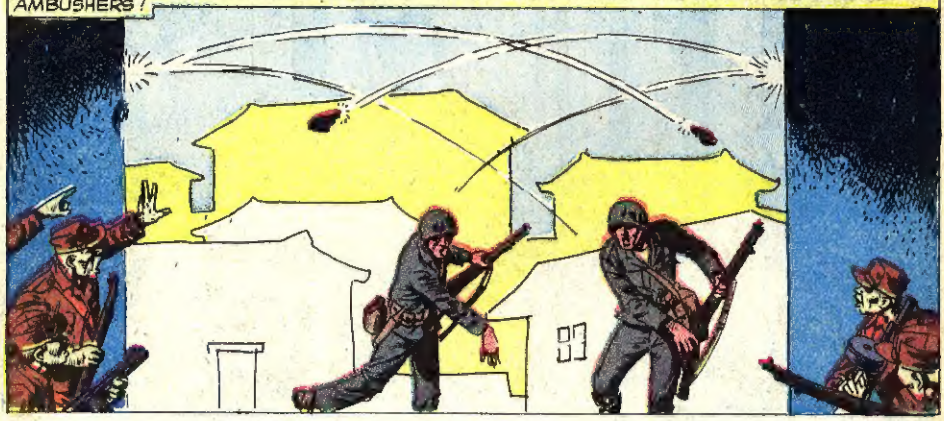
BUT NOT A WORD CAME OUT OF "ROCK" MURDOCK'S MOUTH...BECAUSE HE AND HIS BUDDY "SCUTTLEBUTT" STACY SPOTTED SOMETHING UP AHEAD THAT FROZE THEM FROM HELMETS TO HEELS...

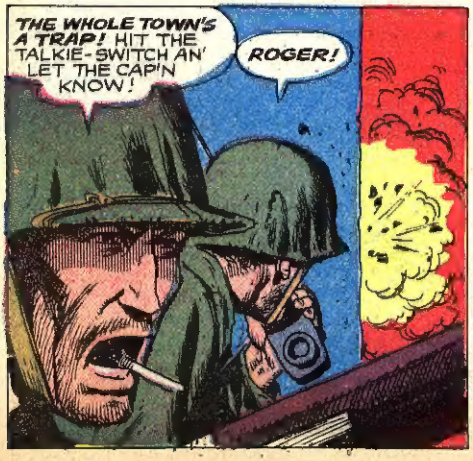


THEY EXCHANGED KNOWING GLANCES! THEN BOTH GRABBED FOR GRENADES AND CROSS-FIRED THEM!



THE GRENADES SLAMMED THE SIDES OF THE BUILDINGS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ALLEY THE REDS WERE IN... THEN THE IRON EGGS RICOCHETED BACK TOWARD THE WOULD-BE COMMIE AMBUSHERS!





YELL INTO THE TALKIE, "ROCK"! YOU CAN WARN THE CAP'N BEFORE THE REDS DOWN US!
NEGATIVE, "SCUTTLEBUTT"!
WE'LL DO AS THEY SAY!
YOU'LL DO AS THEY SAY! I'M GOIN' TO FIGHT UNTIL...
WITH THIS DEVICE YOU WERE TO NOTIFY YOUR CAPTAIN WHETHER THIS TOWN WAS SAFE TO APPROACH OR NOT, YES?
YEAH! SO WHAT?
HE WON'T DO IT NOW 'CAUSE HE'LL KNOW NOT TO WHEN HE DOESN'T HEAR FROM US!
BUT HE WILL HEAR FROM YOU! AND YOU WILL TELL HIM THIS TOWN IS EMPTY!
THAT'S A LOTTA SCUTTLEBUTT! THIS TOWN IS LOADED WITH YOUR STOOGES!
BUT YOUR CAPTAIN IS NOT AWARE OF THAT! AND WHEN YOU TELL HIM TO COME... HE AND HIS MEN WILL! SO TURN ON THIS DEVICE AND SPEAK FOR HIM TO COME!
"ROCK"! WHAT'TA YOU TAKIN' THE TALKIE FOR? YOU'RE NOT GONNA DO AS HE SAYS... ARE YOU?
WITH A DOZEN BURPIES COVERIN' ME... WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO?

YEAH, CAP'N O'BANNON... ALL CLEAR!
OKAY, ROCK! WE'RE ON OUR WAY!
WE HAVE OUR TROOPS CONCEALED IN ALL THE BUILDINGS, ON EVERY ROOF AND IN ALL THE ALLEYS! THE WHOLE TOWN IS A TRAP, COMRADE MAJOR!
EXCELLENT!
YOU AND I WILL HIDE IN THE TEMPLE WHERE WE WILL BE SAFE AND CAN WATCH THE AMBUSH! ALSO BRING THE TWO YANKEES! THEIR CAPTAIN MAY WANT TO CONTACT THEM AGAIN ON THIS DEVICE!
NIGHT INVADED THE TOWN THAT WAS A TRAP..BUT THE FOX COMPANY GYRENES WERE NOT YET HEARD FROM AND THE REDS WERE GETTING IMPATIENT...!
YOU! CONTACT YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER ON THIS DEVICE! ASK HIM WHERE HE IS AND HOW LONG BEFORE HE GETS HERE!
NO, COMRADE MAJOR! THAT IS NOT NECESSARY! I HEAR GUNFIRE! THE YANKEES HAVE WALKED INTO THE TRAP! LET US OPEN THE WINDOW AND SEE...
YANKEES!
YEAH! COME ON OUT AND SEE THE TRAP CLOSING, COMMIES!
THE TOWN IS INDEED A TRAP! BUT NOT FOR THE YANKEES! IT IS OUR TROOPS WHO ARE TRAPPED!
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GYRENES FLUSHED REDS OUT OF THE BUILDINGS...

THEY TRAPPED THE COMMIES IN EVERY ALLEY...

AND THEY BROUGHT THEM DOWN FROM EVERY ROOFTOP...

FOX COMPANY BECAME THE TRAPPERS... AND THE REDS BECAME THE TRAPPED...

SEE THIS LI'L PUSH-TO TALK-SWITCH ON THE HANDY-TALKIE RADIO? WHEN YOU CAUGHT US AN' ASKED FOR THE TALKIE, I GAVE IT TO YOU... WITH THE SWITCH STUCK ON "TO-TALK"!
SO EVERYTHING I SAID TO YOU WAS HEARD BY YOUR CAPTAIN! HE BY-PASSED THE TOWN ON THE SOUTH WHERE WE EXPECTED HIM... AND ATTACKED FROM NORTH, EAST AND WEST!

AND 'SCUTTLEBUTT' THOUGHT I WAS DOUBLE-CROSSIN' THE WHOLE OUTFIT!
NEGATIVE, "ROCK"! I KNEW WHAT YOU WERE UP TO... AND WHAT I DID WAS AN ACT TO MAKE IT LOOK GOOD! AND EVERYTHING WORKED OUT FINE!

The Tunnel

ON the wall of the great vaulted chamber were the imperial arms. They had once been the insignia of Charlemagne, Charles the Great. Charlemagne had been a big man, physically big, enormously strong. He had also been crafty and brave and a great talker, though he was unable to write or sign his name.

Beneath the banner of the old Emperor rested a throne, and upon the throne sat another Charles. But this Charles was different. His ancestors had been either big or fat or tall or thin. And Charles was none of these things. His face, too, was curiously devoid of expression, and though he had been known to smile or frown infrequently, there are those who said the King of France was an empty-head. He was called, therefore, Charles the Simple. He could write and he could talk, though he did little of either.

Before the throne was an immense oaken table of carven wood. And around the table stood six of the King of France's nobles who were headed by the Baron de Giac. They were, themselves, all big men, broad of shoulder and stout of heart, and full of loyalty toward their king.

Beneath the Baron's hand rested a huge, crudely drawn map inscribed upon parchment. At one point it had been marked in red. De Giac pointed to the mark.

"I am glad we have had the opportunity of audience with Your Majesty," he said. "We have sad news to report. With the fall of the castle of Verneaux, we have expected peace. But there is not full peace in France. The castle and town of Hugh de Brissot still hold out."

Charles said nothing.

"The Count de Brissot has refused to pay taxes," de Giac went on. "Brissot defies the royal orders Your Majesty has given through us to open the gates of his castle and town."

There was still another moment of silence. The king shifted slightly on his throne and spoke, finally.

"You have a large force of men available . . . men-at-arms and knights?" Charles the Simple asked.

Baron de Giac and the others nodded.

"You have supplies, weapons?"

Again they nodded.

"Your own men are not rebellious?"

"They are loyal, Majesty," the Baron answered for all.

"Then why have you not taken the castle of Brissot?" The king asked.

"It is a difficult task," de Giac explained. "The walls are fifty feet high, and very thick. De Brissot is well provisioned. His engines of war are as good as our own. He has everything necessary to withstand a siege. Yes, it will be very difficult, and a complicated task to take the castle of Brissot and teach the Count submission to his king."

The king rose, paused on the dais of the great throne for a moment in thought.

"Unfortunately," he said, "I cannot advise you well without much thought. I am not a military man, and if I were, I would conduct warfare in the way I live . . . very simply." He smiled. "You see, my friends, there is a good deal less trouble in simplicity." He sighed. "And now, if you don't mind, I will walk in the garden and think about your problem. I will let you know about what I have decided as soon as possible."

The Barons and Counts looked at each other and then bowed. When the king had gone, de Giac snorted.

"'Charles the Simple'!" He cried. "He should be called 'Charles the Dullard'!"

The Count de Poligny looked at him thoughtfully.

"Charles is not an idiot," he said, "though even if he were, I would not discount his advice. Many an idiot has been known, in fact, for the wisdom he gives because other matters do not weigh on his mind." He glanced at the nobles shrewdly. "You have heard of the wisdom of kings' fools and jesters. It is possible that a king might possess such wisdom."

Again de Giac snorted.

The king did not send for his nobles the next morning nor the next. In fact he did not send for them for an entire week. In the meantime, de Giac and his fellow nobles grew restless. But the king said nothing about the intended campaign against the Count de Brissot. He walked in his garden and lived as simply as he always had, and spoke little.

Finally, when the seventh day

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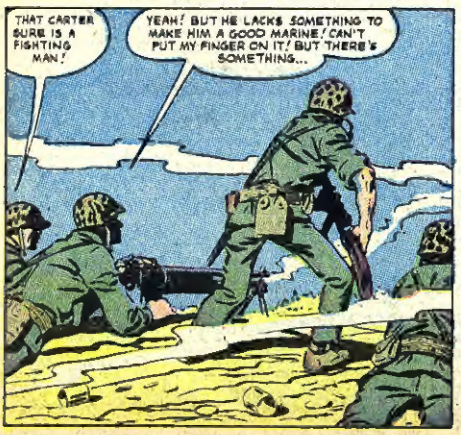
KOREA'S LONG, COLD WINTER WAS OVER AND THE MARINES HAD COME BACK, GRIMLY DETERMINED TO TAKE REVENGE FOR WHAT THAT WINTER HAD BROUGHT! THEY WOULD NOT BE PUSHED BACK AGAIN BY THE REDS, NO MATTER WHAT THE ODDS! AND THEY FOUGHT FORWARD INTO THE HILLS AND THE VALLEYS, FINDING AND SMASHING AT THE HOWLING HORDES OF THE ENEMY!


THAT CARTER SURE IS A FIGHTING MAN!
YEAH! BUT HE LACKS SOMETHING TO MAKE HIM A GOOD MARINE! CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT! BUT THERE'S SOMETHING...

BROTHER, YOU'D SHOOT AT ANYTHING WOULDN'T YOU?
SURE! I LIKE TO SHOOT! I LIKE TO FIGHT! THAT'S WHY I JOINED THE MARINES!

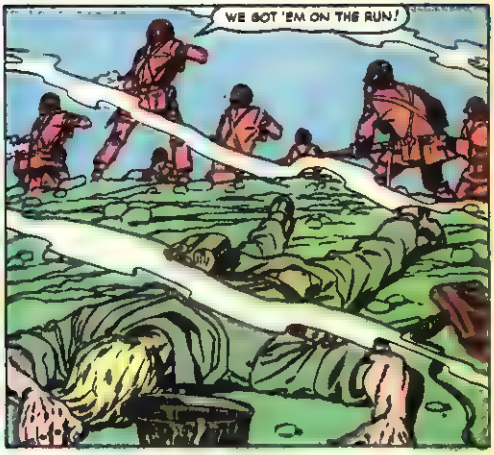
ALL RIGHT, MEN! ON YOUR FEET! FORWARD!
KOREANS... REDS... WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? IN MY BOOK THEY'RE ALL ALIKE! I DON'T LIKE REDS AND I DON'T LIKE KOREANS!

BUT LISTEN, WE'RE HERE TO SAVE THE KOREANS, SAVE THEIR COUNTRY FROM COMMUNIST SLAVERY!
LIKE I SAID THAT KIND OF STUFF DOESN'T MATTER TO ME! I LIKE TO FIGHT AND I WAS AT A LOOSE END, SO I JOINED THE MARINES!

WATCH SHARP MEN!
SPREAD OUT MORE

THEN SUDDENLY THE HILLS WERE ALIVE WITH HOWLING REDS
POUR IT ON!

I M GETTIN SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THE GUYS!

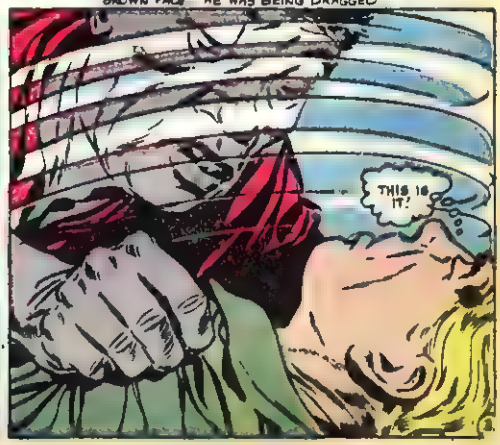


He lay there, stunned! He couldn't call or move as his company went on!

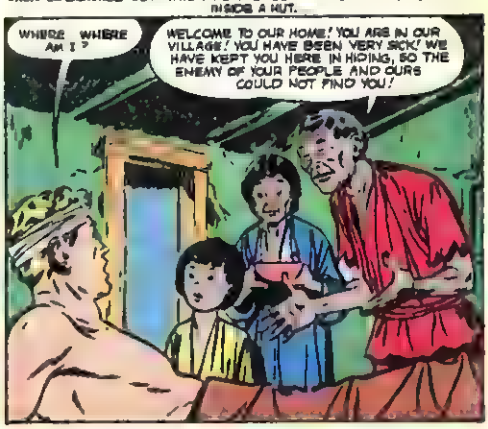
Meanwhile a company of reds circled between the medical corpsmen and the wounded...

He staggered toward the thicker woods! Behind him he heard a howl! The reds had seen him!

He fell! Hands grabbed him! He opened his eyes and saw a brown face! He was being dragged



THEN HE BLACKED OUT! WHEN HE OPENED HIS EYES AGAIN, HE WAS INSIDE A HUT.


WHERE WHERE AM I?
WELCOME TO OUR HOME! YOU ARE IN OUR VILLAGE! YOU HAVE BEEN VERY SICK! WE HAVE KEPT YOU HERE IN HIDING, SO THE ENEMY OF YOUR PEOPLE AND OURS COULD NOT FIND YOU!

HE WAS VERY WEAK! BUT SLOWLY HE REGAINED HIS STRENGTH UNDER THE TENDER CARE OF THIS FAMILY!

THE VILLAGERS SHARE THEIR FOOD WITH YOU! YOU FIGHT TO SAVE US, WE FIGHT IN OUR WAY TO SAVE YOU! I GO NOW TO SCOUT! THE ENEMY MUST NOT GET YOU!

HE LAY THERE IN THE QUIET HUT! THE YOUNG BOY SAT NEXT TO HIM, SMILING! ADAM CARTER FELT STRANGE THINGS STIRRING INSIDE HIM! PRESENTLY, HE BEGAN TO TALK..

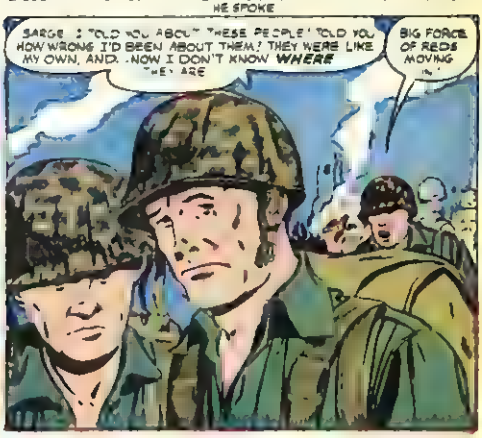
I GUESS YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND ME, SPORT! I'M AN ORPHAN! NEVER HAD A HOME! IT DOES SOMETHING TO A GUY! NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME! I FEEL LIKE I'VE GOT A FAMILY! LIKE I GOT PARENTS LIKE YOU, AS MY KID BROTHER! MAYBE IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE BUT WELL I FEEL LIKE I BELONG SOMEHOW!

THE DAY CAME WHEN CARTER WAS COMPLETELY WELL! HE MUST LEAVE AND JOIN HIS COMPANY AGAIN!

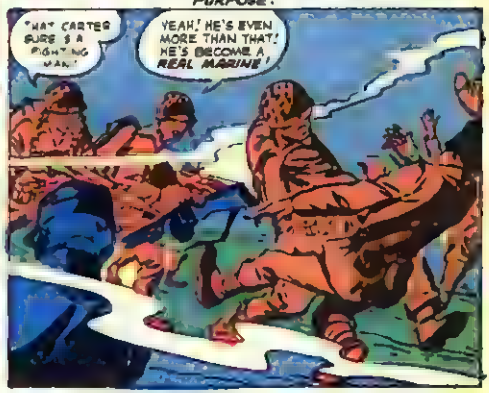
WHEN HE TURNED AWAY, THERE WERE TEARS IN THE EYES OF THIS HARD BITTEN MAN! LATE THAT AFTERNOON, HE FOUND HIS COMPANY MOVING TOWARD THE VILLAGE HE HAD JUST LEFT...

THEY MOVED TOWARD THE VILLAGE AND REACHED IT THE NEXT MORNING

SUDDENLY HIS MOUTH TIGHTENED GRIMLY! HIS VOICE WAS A RASP AS HE SPOKE


SARGE ! TOLD YOU ABOUT THESE PEOPLE! TOLD YOU HOW WRONG I'D BEEN ABOUT THEM! THEY WERE LIKE MY OWN, AND...NOW I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE
BIG FORCE OF REDS MOVING IN

ADAM CARTER WAS IN THE FRONT OF THE ATTACK! HE FOUGHT LIKE A WILD MAN, FOR NOW HE KNEW WHAT HE WAS FIGHTING FOR... FREEDOM FOR A PEOPLE! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE, HE HAD PURPOSE!



THE RED FORCE WAS SHATTERED BY THE ATTACK OF THE MARINES

HOLD IT, CARTER! LISTEN, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU! WORD FROM THE REAR! THE PEOPLE OF THIS VILLAGE SPOTTED THE REDS BEFORE THEY HIT AND GOT OUT IN TIME!

THAT'S SWELL! THANKS, SARGE! I'M GLAD I'M A MARINE, TO FIGHT AGAINST WHAT THESE REDS STAND FOR! LET'S CLEAN UP THIS MESS FOR THESE PEOPLE HERE! IT'S GOT TO BE STOPPED HERE, BECAUSE IF IT CAN HAPPEN HERE, IT CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE!
THAT'S THE WAY TO TALK! WE'RE MOVIN' UP AGAIN! LET'S GO, MARINE!

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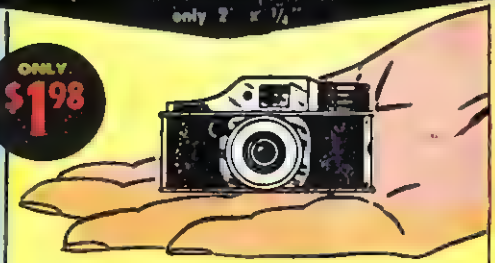

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BATTLE of NERVES!

THE *KING COMPANY* MARINES IN KOREA WERE SHOVIN' OFF FOR THE FRONT AGAIN... AN' AS THEY SLOGGED THRU MUD AND HUP-HUPPED OVER HILLS, THEIR VOICES BOOMED OUT THEIR PROUD SONG OF BATTLE... ***THE MARINES' HYMN!***

FROM THE HALLS OF MONTEZUMA,
TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI;
WE FIGHT OUR COUNTRY'S BATTLES
IN THE AIR, ON LAND, AND SEA...
THAT'S NOTHIN' BUT A LOTTA FLAG-WAVIN' SCUTTLEBUTT!
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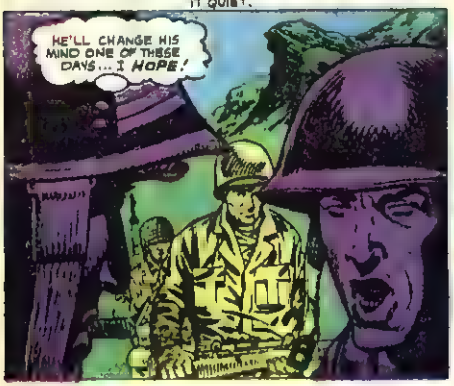
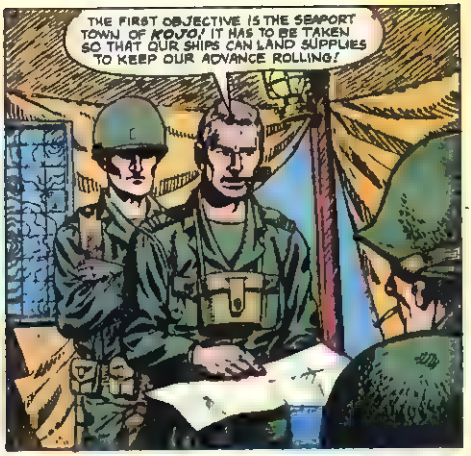
EVERY ***SEMPER FI*** GYRENE IN THE OUTFIT WAS YODLIN'.. EXCEPT ONE OF THE NEW GUYS NAMED JOE RINK...

WHAT'S THE MATTER MARINE? DIDN'T THEY TEACH YOU ***THE MARINES' HYMN*** IN BOOT CAMP?
YEAH, SARGE! BUT I DON'T ***HAVE*** TO SING THAT BUNCH'A MALARKEY, DO I?

YOU MEAN YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE WORDS OF ***THE MARINES' HYMN***?
IF I ***DID***, SARGE... I'D SING 'EM LOUDER THAN ANYBODY ELSE! BUT I FIGURE IT'S ALL A BIG SNOW JOB... SO ***I'LL NEVER SING THE MARINES' HYMN!***

A MARINE WHO DIDN'T BELIEVE IN THE MARINES' HYMN... THAT NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE IN THE WHOLE HISTORY OF THE CORPS! AN' IF THE OTHER GUYS HAD HEARD JOE RINK, THERE'S NO TELLIN' WHAT THEY WOULD A DONE! BUT THE SARGE KEPT IT QUIET.

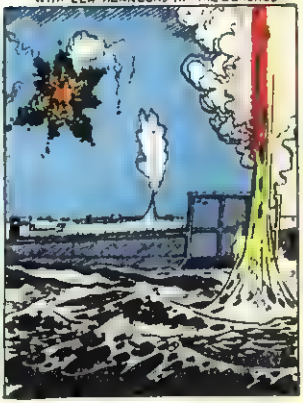



THE FIRST OBJECTIVE IS THE SEAPORT TOWN OF KOJO! IT HAS TO BE TAKEN SO THAT OUR SHIPS CAN LAND SUPPLIES TO KEEP OUR ADVANCE ROLLING!

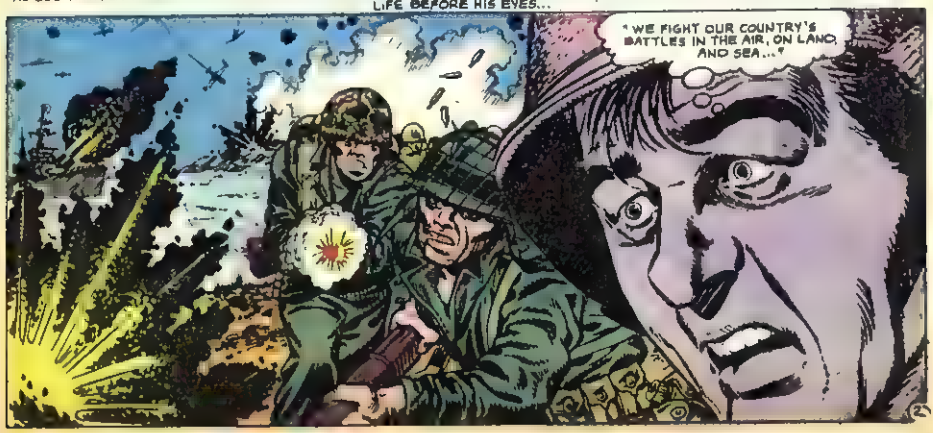
BATTLEWAGONS, PARKED OUT IN THE DRINK, STARTED OFF THE SHOW...

THEN CAME MARINE JETS TO ROCKET THE RED POSITIONS...

AN' FROM THE SEA, LANDING CRAFTS LOADED WITH LEATHERNECKS HIT THE BEACHES.



BY THAT TIME, KING COMPANY WAS GARANDIN THE REDS, TOO. SO THE COMMIES WERE GETTIN' CLOBBERED FROM ALL SIDES! AN' AS JOE RINK SAW HIS FIRST COMBAT ACTION, HE ALSO SAW THE WORDS OF THE FIRST PART OF THE MARINES' HYMN COME TO LIFE BEFORE HIS EYES...



JOE WAS IMPRESSED... BUT HE WASN'T CONVINCED... 'CAUSE WHEN THE OUTFIT MOVED OUT AFTER TAKIN' KOJO, EVERYBODY WAS SINGIN' *THE HYMN*... EXCEPT YOU-KNOW-WHO...

FIRST TO FIGHT FOR RIGHT AND FREEDOM—AND—TO KEEP OUR HONOR CLEAN...

WHATTA SNOW JOB!

WE ARE PROUD TO CLAIM THE TITLE OF UNITED STATES MARINE!

OH BR-R-OTHER!

BUT AS *KING COMPANY* ADVANCED TOWARD THE YALU TAKIN' HIGH AN' LOW TERRAIN FROM THE REDS, THE WORDS OF *THE MARINES' HYMN* KEPT COMIN' ALIVE TO JOE RINK IN EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED

"OUR FLAG'S UNFURLED TO EVERY BREEZE FROM DAWN TO SETTING SUN"

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"WE HAVE FOUGHT IN EVERY CLIME AND PLACE WHERE WE COULD TAKE A GUN.. "

"IN THE SNOW OF FAR OFF NORTHERN LANDS."

"AND IN SUNNY TROPIC SCENES"

YOU WILL FIND US ALWAYS ON THE JOB... THE UNITED STATES MARINES!

SOMEBODY'S ORDERS ***WEREN'T*** GOIN' TO BE CARRIED OUT.. AN' ***KING COMPANY*** MADE SURE IT WAS GOIN' TO BE THE OTHER GUY'S...

WE CANNOT STOP THEM, COMRADE MAJOR! AND IF THEY GET UP HERE, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DIRECT THEIR ARTILLERY FIRE AT OUR DEFENSES!
NOT IF WE BREAK THEIR NERVE FIRST.. AND MAKE THEM ***RUN!***

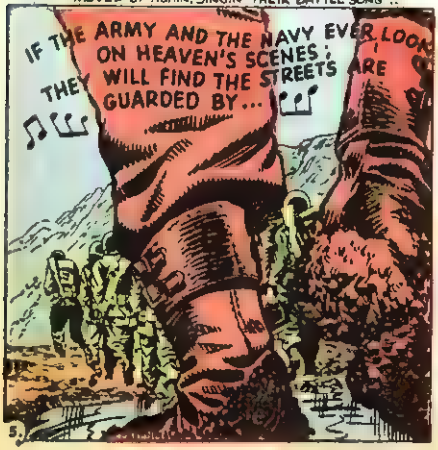
ARTILLERY. WE ARE GOING TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS HILLTOP! AS SOON AS WE DO... OPEN FIRE WITH ALL GUNS...AND KEEP POUNDING UNTIL THE YANKEES CRACK!
YES, COMRADE MAJOR!

THEY MOVED OUT...AN' WE MOVED IN! AN' AS SOON AS WE TOOK OVER THE PENTHOUSE, THE "MAIL" STARTED COMIN'...AN' NEVER BEFORE HAD ***KING COMPANY*** BEEN IN A SHELL STORM LIKE THAT ONE

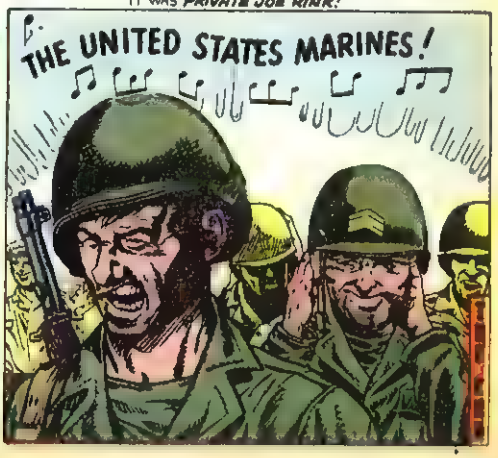
THE REDS CAME, RAISIN' THEIR USUAL RACKET! OUR GARANDS TOOK CARE OF THEM... WHILE OUR ARTY CLOBBERED THEIR BIG JOBS...

AN' ALL THRU THE BATTLE, TWO LINES OF *THE MARINES' HYMN* KEPT REPEATING AS FAST AS MACHINE-GUN FIRE IN JOE RINKS' THOUGHTS. .

THE *BATTLE OF NERVES* WAS WON... AN' *KING COMPANY* MOVED UP AGAIN, SINGIN' THEIR BATTLE SONG ..



AN' WHO DO YOU THINK SANG THE LOUDEST? YEP, YOU'RE RIGHT... IT WAS *PRIVATE JOE RINK!*



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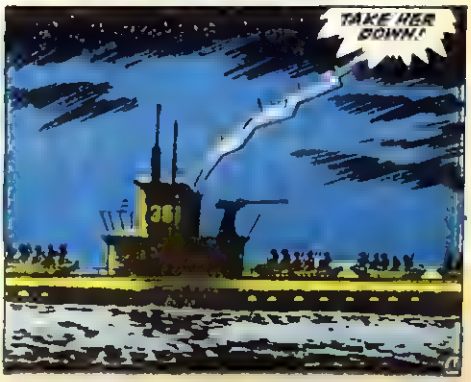

THE SUB DIVES... AND IN LESS TIME THAN YOU CAN SAY "*GREAT GIZMO*"... ALL THE RUBBER BOATS ARE LAUNCHED .

THEN WE HEAD FOR ENEMY SHORE! OUR MISSION IS THREE PRONGED... TO BRING BACK INFORMATION, ENEMY PRISONERS AND TO SABOTAGE...

EVERY *MARAUDER MARINE* IS TRAINED FOR A SPECIFIC JOB... AND WHEN WE HIT SHORE, ONE GROUP TAKES PHOTOGRAPHS...

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AYE! WHAT WE NEED ARE TROOP-CARRYING SUBMARINES! AND I KNOW OF JUST THE SUB TO USE AS A GUINEA PIG... THE PERCH!
AND I HAVE JUST THE MEN... THE UNITED STATES MARINES!
SO THE WORLD WAR II VETERAN SUB, THE PERCH, HAD ITS TORPEDO TUBES AND FORWARD ENGINES REMOVED TO MAKE SPACE FOR MARINES AND THEIR GEAR...
A SUB WITHOUT TORPEDOES... THAT'S LIKE A SHARK WITHOUT TEETH!
BUT THIS ONE'S GETTING A NEW SET OF BATTLE CHOPPERS... THOSE GYRENES!
ABLE AND DOG COMPANIES OF THE 5TH MARINES WERE THE "GUINEA PIGS" ON THE REVAMPED SUB... AND ON MANEUVER RAIDS THEY HIT PRACTICE TARGETS FROM PEARL HARBOR TO ALASKA...
AND THEY PROVED WITHOUT A DOUBT, THAT NO MATTER WHERE ANY FUTURE ENEMY MIGHT START ANOTHER WAR, THEY WOULD FIND THE U.S. MARINES THERE, FIGHTING OUR COUNTRY'S BATTLES IN THE AIR, ON LAND AND SEA... AND UNDERWATER!

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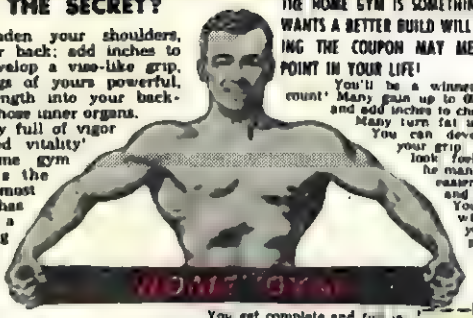

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had passed, the nobles were once more summoned to the king's presence.

"We await your kingly orders," de Giac said for himself and the others.

"You may depart against de Brissot," the king said. "I have decided this is only partly a task for soldiers."

"What do you mean, Majesty?" de Giac asked.

"Your only task, in fact," the king continued, "will be to help the small force I have already sent to Brissot. Then you will take both castle and town."

"But the defenses . . . !"

"Ah yes, the defenses; they're difficult, aren't they?" The king mused. He rose. "I must walk in my garden, my friends."

Later in the day, the Barons and Counts had assembled their waiting vassals and their entire entourage of over two thousand fighting men. Though the force was well armed, their only weapons of assault were some crude catapults copied from old Roman designs.

"The king expects miracles," de Giac growled. "There is no new way of starving the town out. De Brissot is clever; he probably has supplies stored for a year's siege. By that time we will have to give up and go home."

The Count de Poligny said, in his thoughtful way, "Perhaps we could fling barrels of burning pitch over the walls and try to burn the town down behind the castle."

"We shall try it, of course," de Giac continued, still annoyed. "But it will do little good. De Brissot has many rain cisterns and plenty of water. Besides, the most of the houses are of stone, like the castle." He stared back at the catapults being pulled by horses. "A few pebble hurlers against walls like de Brissot's . . . bah!"

"We have two thousand men," commented de Poligny.

"What good are they unless they are within the castle and town?"

The march to Brissot took four days, through chill weather and rain, for the autumn was approaching. Nevertheless, de Giac forced his march, only too anxious to arrive at the scene where the men the king had already sent were at work.

The walls of Brissot were sighted near noon of the fourth day. That resistance was already under way was obvious from the display of war flags from the turrets of the castle and town. About seven hundred

men were already drawn up before the besieged castle. At least two hundred of them carried no arms whatever.

Behind a huge wooden screen, excavations were going on. And from them came wisps of smoke.

"So it is you!" exclaimed de Giac, as he beheld the person of the king's chief road engineer emerge from the mouth of the excavation and come toward the nobles. On all sides the men they had brought were deploying with the rest in battle array.

The engineer bowed low before de Giac.

"I bear orders from the king himself," the man said.

"To tunnel into the castle?" De Giac asked. "But that would allow only a few men at a time to engage the enemy!"

The other did not answer him, for there was a sudden shout from the opening of the tunnel, and bigger clouds of smoke began to pour forth.

"It was the king's order that you hold yourself ready to attack the castle the moment his plan had succeeded," the engineer said.

Suddenly there was a roaring sound. Everyone got clear of the tunnel's mouth.

"Look there!" the king's engineer shouted.

De Giac followed the man's gesture. Before them, towered the walls of the great castle of de Brissot, impregnable to assault. For a moment nothing seemed to happen, but then the earth began to shake. Denser and denser clouds of smoke poured from the tunnel's mouth.

Then, with a shuddering rumble, a wide section of the thick castle wall quivered and collapsed in tumbling ruin. De Giac could peer through the gap straight into the courtyard of the now defenseless castle.

"We dug beneath the foundations of the walls, set up wood supports and then set fire to them. They have burned through . . . and thus the walls above collapsed into the hole beneath!" The engineer shouted.

De Poligny glanced wryly at de Giac.

"A simple operation," he said. "Well, it is time to teach Hugh de Brissot submission to his master, Charles the Simple of France!"

De Giac gave the signal to sound the attack.

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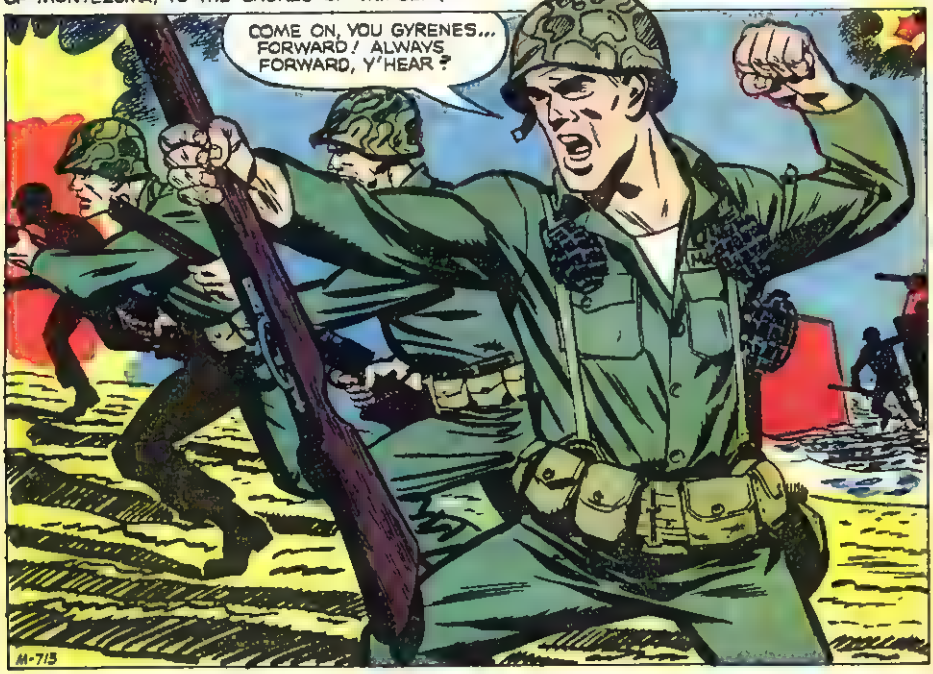

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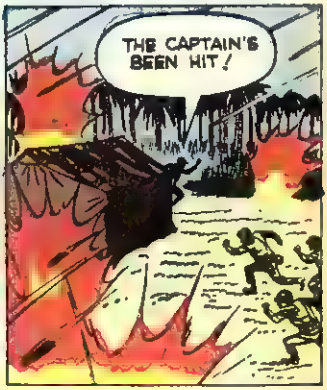
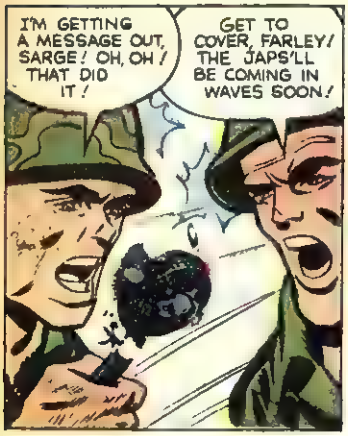
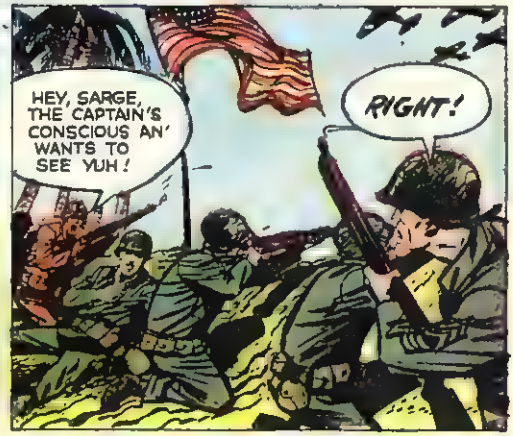
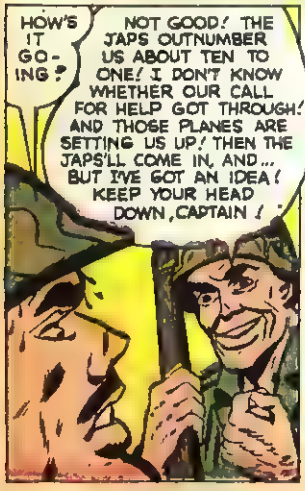
CAPTAIN TILLOT CALLED IN HIS PATROLS AS THE FIRST SHELLS FROM THE ENEMY SHIPS FELL!





THE JAP INFANTRY HAD LANDED AND MOVED IN, IN THE WAKE OF THE SHELLS!




HOW'S IT GOING?
NOT GOOD! THE JAPS OUTNUMBER US ABOUT TEN TO ONE! I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OUR CALL FOR HELP GOT THROUGH! AND THOSE PLANES ARE SETTING US UP! THEN THE JAPS'LL COME IN, AND... BUT I'VE GOT AN IDEA! KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN, CAPTAIN!

LISTEN NOW! WHEN I GIVE THE ORDER, WE FALL BACK, FAST! BACK FROM HERE AND INTO THE WOODS BEHIND! RUN, UNDERSTAND? GET READY...
BUT SARGE, THAT'S RETREATING! YOU SAID... WAIT... THE FLAG! I GOT TO GET THE FLAG...

JUBILANTLY, THE JAPS RUSHED IN...

DROP ANY JAP WHO TRIES TO LOWER OUR FLAG! THE FLAG'S GOTTA STAY FLYIN'! CONCENTRATE FIRE ON THAT SPOT... AH, HERE THEY COME!

THE PLANES SWOOPED IN FOR THE BIG STRIKE! FLASHING DOWN AT TERRIFIC SPEED AND UNLOADING ON THE TARGET...THE AMERICAN FLAG... UNKNOWINGLY BLASTING THEIR OWN TROOPS BELOW!

IT WORKED! TIMED IT JUST RIGHT! THEY SAW OUR FLAG STILL FLYIN' AND FIGURED WE WERE STILL THERE AND DUMPED THEIR LOADS ON THEIR *OWN* MEN! ALL RIGHT, MARINES *LET'S GO!*

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